

RECERTIFICATION OPTIONS

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The term EMT will apply to **all certified levels of emergency medical technicians.**

EMTs in South Carolina must recertify every three (3) years. Any one certified at any level on or after October 1, 2007 must maintain a current National Registry EMT credential in order to recertify their SC EMT credential. Any EMT whose SC EMT credential expires prior to becoming re-certified - must now become and maintain a National Registry EMT credential to receive a SC EMT certification

Recertification is granted by successfully completing any one of the four (4) following programs:

The first three (3) options are only available to currently SC certified EMTs with the following SC EMT Certification numbers:

Basic certification numbers between	00001 to 30499
Intermediate certification numbers between	90001 to 94499
Paramedic certification numbers between	80001 to 85499

1. **Refresher Course:** Successfully complete a Department approved refresher training program - **AND** - successfully pass the state written AND practical certification examinations. A repeat of the initial (full) EMT course is also acceptable in lieu of a refresher course. Plus submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. **(All EMT-Basic , initial & refresher, must pass the National Registry EMT-Basic examination.)** Current or former SC EMTs may participate in a refresher program.
2. **CEU Option:** Obtain the required continuing education units (CEUs) for their level of certification, prior to the SC certificate expiration date, - **AND** - successfully pass the state “registry-like” written AND practical certification examinations (**EMT-Basics must pass the National Registry Examination**) - **Plus** - submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. **Only current SC certified EMTs may earn CEUs.** CEU packets **must** be received by DHEC prior to the EMT’s certificate expiration date.
3. **IST Option:** Successfully complete a Department approved In-Service Training Program (IST) - **AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING** - successfully pass the state “registry-like” written AND practical certification examinations (**EMT-Basics must pass the National Registry Examination**) - **OR** - receive the written and/or practical examination waiver from the agency's medical control physician responsible for the IST program - **Plus** - submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. **Only current SC certified EMTs may participate in an approved IST program.** IST packets **must** be received by DHEC prior to the EMT’s certificate expiration date.

The fourth option is available to all SC EMTs.

4. **National Registry Option:** Submit a **current** re-registered, National Registry credential showing an expiration date greater than your SC EMT certificate expiration date. Plus submit a properly completed *Certificate Application* card** and BLS*/ACLS* credential. Packet **must** be received by DHEC prior to the EMT’s certificate expiration date.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** In addition to the above, all EMTs (all levels) must maintain a current* BLS credential in one of the following:

- American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for the Healthcare Provider
 - American Red Cross (ARC) CPR for the Professional Rescuer
 - American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) CPR Pro
- EMT-**Paramedics** must also maintain a current* AHA or ASHI ACLS credential.

* Current means that the card expiration date is greater than that of the EMT’s certificate date.

** A properly completed *Certificate Application* (White, Green or Blue) card is one which is complete with all signatures on both the front & back of the card as required.